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| Country/<br>entity              | Papua New Guinea<br>Bougainville   |
| Region                          | Asia and Pacific<br>Asia and Pacific   |
| Agreement<br>name               | Protocol Concerning the Neutral Truce Monitoring Group   |
| Date                            | 5 Dec 1997   |
| Agreement<br>status             | Multiparty signed/agreed   |
| Interim<br>arrangement          | Yes  |
| Agreement/<br>conflict<br>level | Interstate/intrastate conflict(s) ( Bougainville Conflict (1987 - 1998) )  |
| Stage                           | Implementation/renegotiation   |
| Conflict<br>nature              | Government/territory   |
| Peace<br>process                | Bougainville: peace process  |
| Parties                         | For the Independent State of Papua New Guinea: ROY YAKI; For Australia:<br>ALEXANDER DOWNER; For Fiji: BERNARDO VUNIBOBO; For New Zealand: DON<br>MCKINNON; For Vanuatu: CLEMENT LEO |
| Third<br>parties                | -  |
| Description                     | This short agreement outlines details of mechanisms established in previous<br>agreements, such as the Peace Monitoring Group and the Peace Consultative<br>Committee.               |

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## Groups

Children/  
youth No specific mention.

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|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Disabled persons             | No specific mention. |
| Elderly/age                  | No specific mention. |
| Migrant workers              | No specific mention. |
| Racial/ethnic/national group | No specific mention. |
| Religious groups             | No specific mention. |
| Indigenous people            | No specific mention. |
| Other groups                 | No specific mention. |
| Refugees/displaced persons   | No specific mention. |
| Social class                 | No specific mention. |

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## **Gender**

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Women, girls and gender | No specific mention. |
| Men and boys            | No specific mention. |
| LGBTI                   | No specific mention. |

Family No specific mention.

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## **State definition**

Nature of state (general) No specific mention.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/ secession No specific mention.

Accession/ unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision No specific mention.

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## Governance

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|--|---|
| Political institutions (new or reformed) | No specific mention.  |
| Elections                                | Page 4, Article 8: Entry into force, review and duration of this Protocol ... (3) Noting the agreements reached by the parties to the Lincoln Agreement regarding restoration of civil authority, including civilian peacetime policing and the holding of free and democratic elections to elect a Bougainville Reconciliation Government before the end of 1998, the Parties agree to consult and review the size, composition and role of the Peace Monitoring Group at intervals of three months, or such other intervals as may be agreed, bearing in mind progress towards restoration of civil authority in Bougainville. Participating States will consult the other Parties before altering the size or composition of their respective contributions to the Peace Monitoring Group. |
| Electoral commission                     | No specific mention.  |
| Political parties reform                 | No specific mention.  |
| Civil society                            | No specific mention.  |
| Traditional/religious leaders            | No specific mention.  |
| Public administration                    | No specific mention.  |
| Constitution                             | No specific mention.  |

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## **Power sharing**

|                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Political power sharing   | No specific mention. |
| Territorial power sharing | No specific mention. |
| Economic power sharing    | No specific mention. |
| Military power sharing    | No specific mention. |

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## **Human rights and equality**

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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Human rights/RoL general   | No specific mention. |
| Bill of rights/similar     | No specific mention. |
| Treaty incorporation       | No specific mention. |
| Civil and political rights | No specific mention. |
| Socio-economic rights      | No specific mention. |

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## **Rights related issues**

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication No specific mention.

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection measures No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

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## **Justice sector reform**

Criminal justice and emergency law No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

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### **Socio-economic reconstruction**

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

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## Land, property and environment

Land reform/  
rights

No specific mention.

Pastoralist/  
nomadism  
rights

No specific mention.

Cultural  
heritage

No specific mention.

Environment

No specific mention.

Water or  
riparian  
rights or  
access

No specific mention.

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## Security sector

Security  
Guarantees

No specific mention.

Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments  
Page 3, Article 4, Mandate of the Peace Monitoring Group  
(1) Article 5 (Mandate of the Group) of the Head Agreement shall be amended to read as follows:  
(a) monitor and report on the compliance of the parties involved in the Bougainville peace process to all aspects of the ceasefire;  
... (c) provide people in Bougainville with information about the ceasefire and other aspects of the peace process;

Police

No specific mention.

Armed  
forces

No specific mention.

DDR

No specific mention.



Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/  
rebel and  
opposition  
group  
forces No specific mention.

Withdrawal  
of foreign  
forces No specific mention.

Corruption No specific mention.

Crime/  
organised  
crime No specific mention.

Drugs No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

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## **Transitional justice**

Transitional  
justice  
general No specific mention.

Amnesty/  
pardon No specific mention.

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

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## **Implementation**

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source      Australian Treaty Series  
<http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/other/dfat/treaties/>  
<http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/other/dfat/treaties/1997/30.html>

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